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still living*, no man did so much in preparing the way for Methodism in Colchester as this well known divine. His eloquence was not only fascinating, but instructive and convincing. Everywhere multitudes flocked to hear him, and came away convinced that the Arminianism he preached was taught in the Bible. Let was eminently successful in removing existing prejudices against this form of christianity. He was stationed here in 1847, and in cultivating the fallow ground that had been broken up by the Revd. Robert Cooney, whose name is still a tower of strength in Canadian Methodism, Mr. Narraway proved himself to be a workman that needleth not to be ashamed. When Pleasant Street Church was erected, he sent a contribution towards the building fund, desiring to pay for a brick in the building, as a memento of his pastorate in the days of his youth.

On Sabbath morning, January, 1887,—eighteen years after his retirement from the public ministry, and thirty-two since he had addressed a Methodist congregation in Truro,—Mr. Narraway preached for the first and only time in Pleasant Street Church, from the last clause of the 5th and 6th verses of first

Revelation :-

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to him be glory

and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

The effort was a fine one, and in the passages contrasting human love with the love of God, the speaker was particularly happy and eloquent. Throughout the discourse, the listener could not but have been impressed with the appropriateness of the words chosen, and their forceful meaning, as well as with the comprehensiveness of every sentence, calling to remembrance language used by Fox in relation to the younger Pitt: "He never is at a loss for a word, and the very word." No doubt this great qualification for a public speaker, coupled with his natural gifts of oratory, sanctified by the grace of God, was the secret of Mr. Narraway's great strength and acceptability as a pulpit orator. Before dismissing the congregation, Mr. Narraway broke in upon the voluntary of the choir to say a few words of friendly christian greeting to those present whose souls he had once cared for. His kindly references to the departed,—who composed the many gaps he noticed in the ranks of his former hearers, touched a tender chord, and were deeply interesting to all who know too well what it is to wait and weep in vain:—

" For the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still."

This gifted minister of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference died at St. John, N. B. on the 9th of September, 1893, aged 74 years. He was a native of England, who entered the ministry of the M. C. in 1841, and was ordained in 1845. His first appointment was to Shubemacadie for one year, but after two years in the Newport Circuit he was returned to Shubemacadie, (then including Truro,) where he remained for six years on what must have been Methodistically, an arduous field of toil. Then came an appointment to Charlottetown, where the fame of his pulpit eloquence reached far beyond the limits of the Island, then in succession to Guysboro and Sackville, remaining three years in each circuit. In 1860 he was appointed to St. John, N. B., and for nine years following, until he became a supernumerary, held the pastorate of several leading churches in that city. He was a delegate to the Canada Conference at Kingston in 1860, and took western audiences by storm. In the palmy period of his ministry he ranked with Dr. Riehey and Charles Dewolfe as the foremost pulpit orators of the Provinces.

Mr. Narraway was a tireless student, an insatiable reader of books, and a close observer of current events. Like Jabez Bunting, he studied the newspapers that he might know how God governed the world. He had rare forcesic gifts and might have made his mark at the bar or in the legislature. A master

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